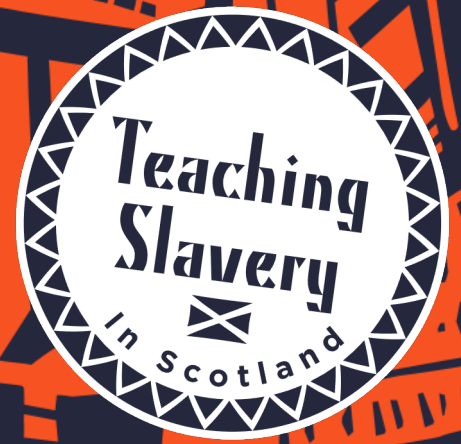
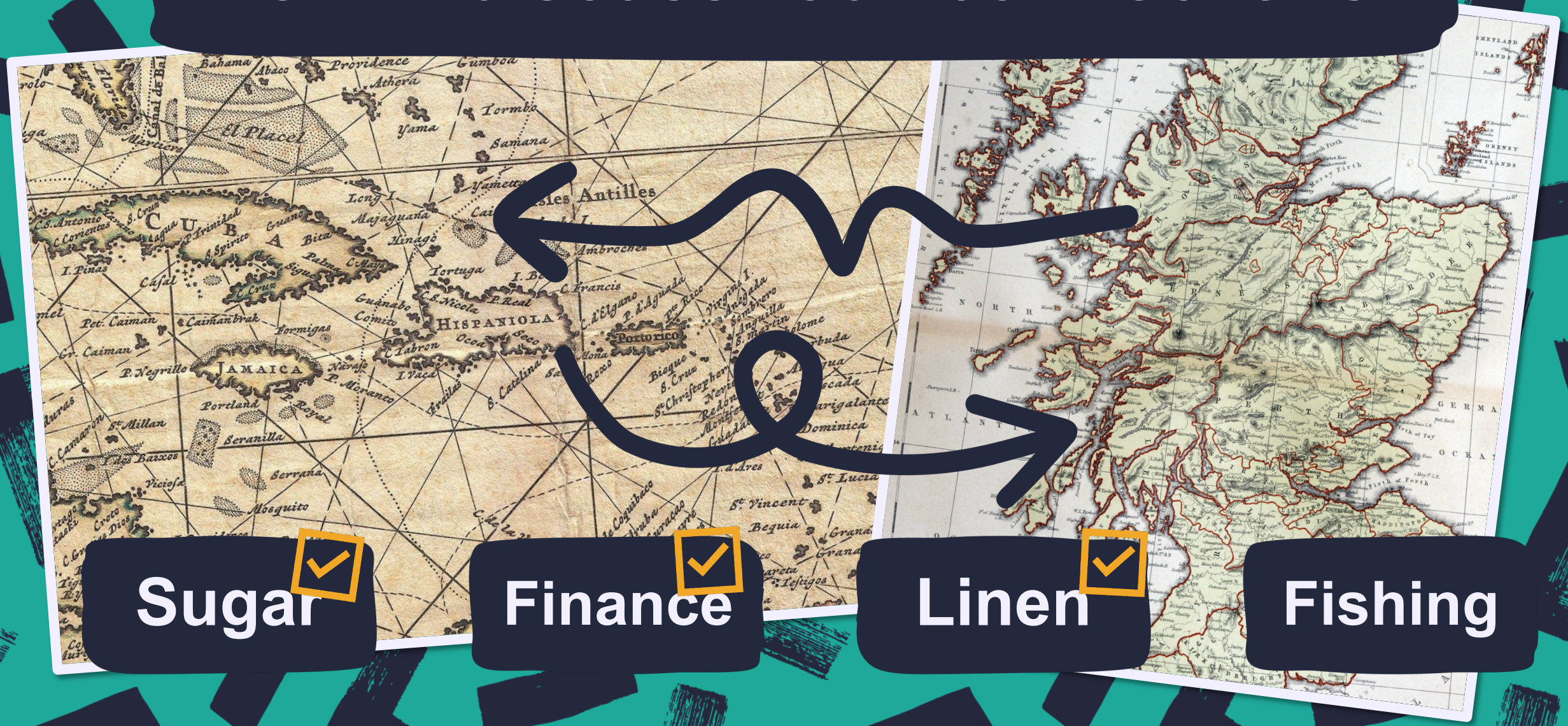
Scotland & Caribbean Connections

What was the most significant link between the Caribbean and the Scottish Economy?

Lesson 4



We will discuss **four** connections:



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Herring fishing

Learning Intentions

To investigate the herring industry that developed, connecting the growth of the Scottish economy with the Caribbean.

Success Criteria

I will be able to **identify the areas of Scotland involved in the herring trade.**

I will be able to **identify the types of jobs created in Scotland by the herring trade.**

I will be able to **explain two reasons why plantations owners chose herring to feed enslaved people.**

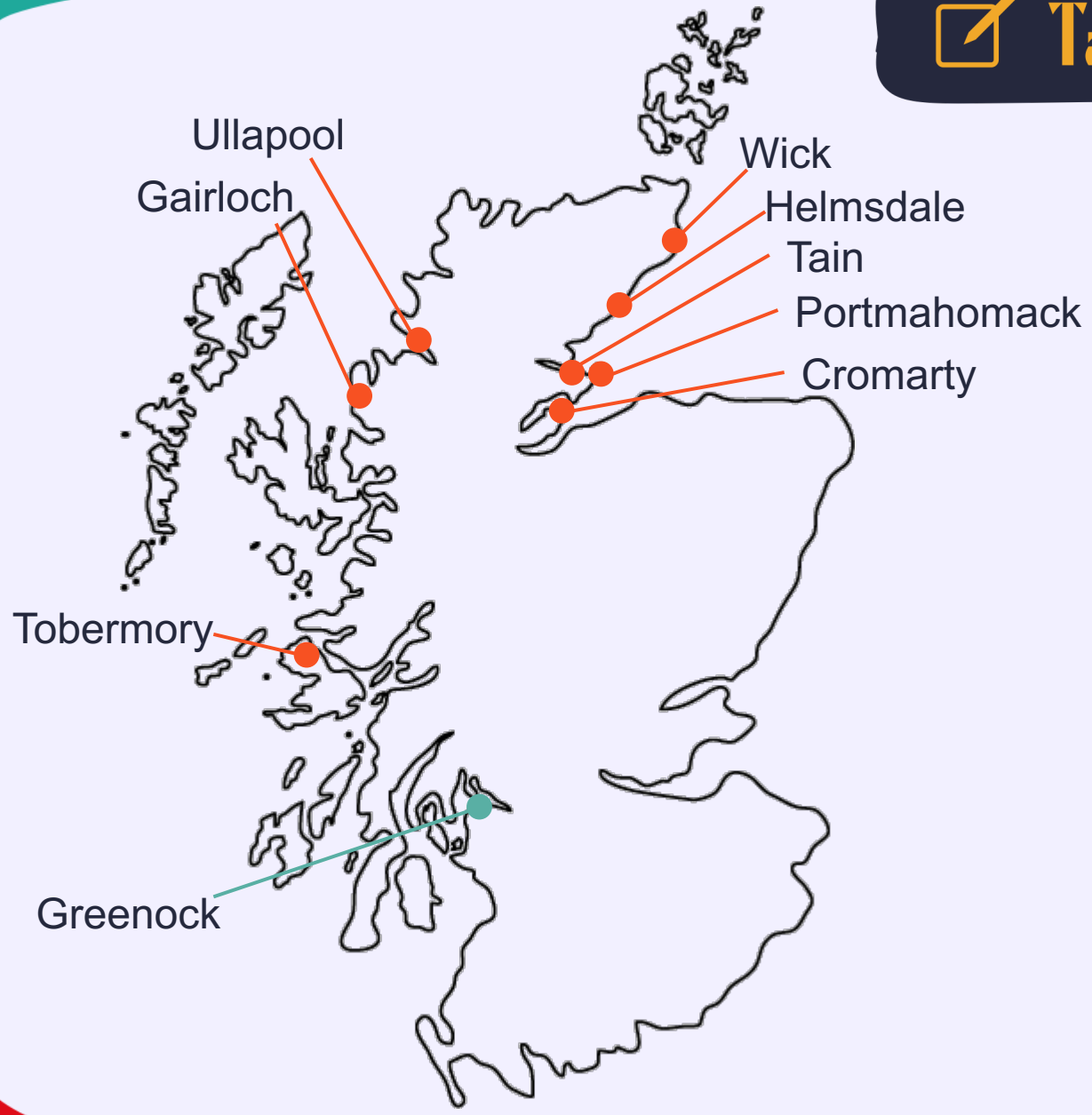
I will be able to **outline the level of herring exports to the Caribbean.**

Discuss

Herring fishing

How was this Scottish industry connected to the slave trade?

Task



Herring

- Herring are **migratory fish** which means they move in big groups around bodies of water.
- The red dots on the map point to some of the villages in Scotland which became herring ports at the time of the slave trade.
- Greenock was the main port used to export “red herrings” to the Caribbean.
- The popularity of herrings and their importance to local economies gave them the nickname “silver darlings”.

Find Sources A-L around the room and use them to fill in your factfile.
(There are some hints on the next slide.)

Task

Herring Factfile

Date: ..... Name: .....

Two processes used to make "red herrings"

1: .....

2: .....

Source **A**

Reason for name "red herring"

Source **B**

Two reasons plantation owners chose "red herrings" to feed enslaved people

1: .....

2: .....

Sources **C & D**

Amount of "red herrings" exported to West Indies in 1771

Source **I**

Amount of "red herrings" exported to West Indies in 1798

Source **G**

Areas of Scotland engaged in the herring trade

Sources **E, G, I, J, K & L**

Types of jobs created in Scotland by the herring trade

Sources **A, E, J, K & L**

Statistics that show the extent of the herring industry around Scotland

Sources **E, G, I, J, K & L**

Herring producing areas that sent anti-abolition petitions to Parliament

Source **F**

Question

How was the herring industry tied to the slave trade?

Answer the question using as many of the words/figures in the boxes as you can.

Jobs	Cheap	Greenock
51,892	Ports	61%
Cured	Highlands	Opportunity

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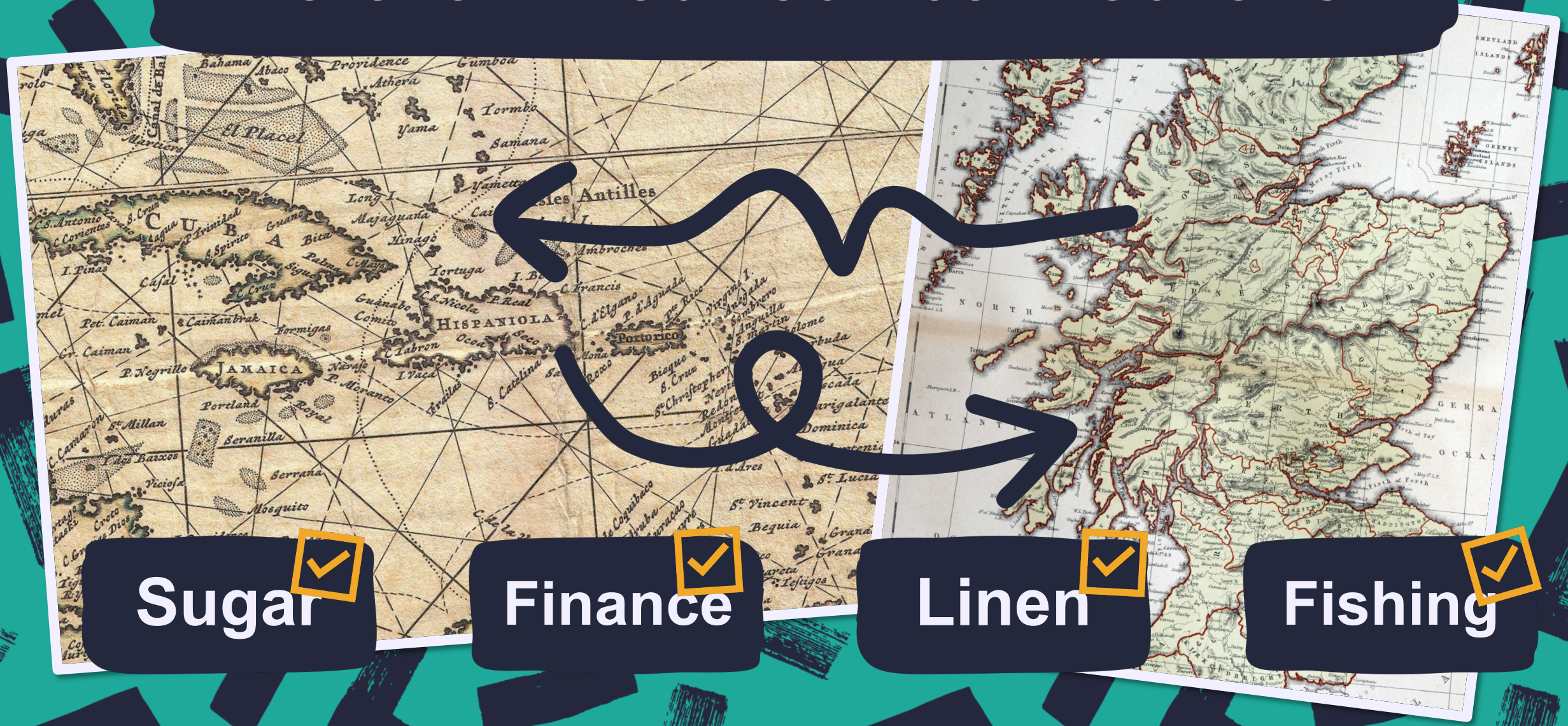
Teaching Slavery in Scotland

We examined **four** connections:



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☆ Review Task

Based on what you have learned about these **four connections**, we will complete a memory task.

Task

- Draw a table with **4 rows and 4 columns** (in jotter or on a whiteboard)
- Write the **answers** to the questions in your table.
- You **score more points** for the lessons that were a longer time ago.

Question

Four Points:	1. Where did the sugar cane plant come from?	2. On which island were 100's of Scots landowners?	3. Name one Scottish family that did well in the sugar business.	4. What did many Scots receive after 1833?
Three Points:	5. What did banks give to merchants?	6. Name one Glasgow Bank established by tobacco lords.	7. What was John Robertson's job?	8. Name one Edinburgh bank that benefitted from slavery.
Two Points:	9. Name a Scottish city involved in linen.	10. What was linen used for on plantations?	11. What % of Scots linen that was exported went to the New World?	12. What was one major impact of slavery in Scottish economic life?
One Point:	13. Which fish was important in Scotland?	14. What word describes species that move large distances on a regular basis?	15. What nickname was given to the fish?	16. What % of salted herring brought to the Caribbean came from Scotland?

Answers

Four Points:	1. The Pacific	2. Jamaica	3. Campbell/ Stewart	4. Compensation money
Three Points:	5. Funding / money	6. Arms / Ship / Thistle	7. Cashier	8. Leith Banking Company
Two Points:	9. Dundee	10. Clothing for the enslaved	11. 90%	12. It contributed to the Industrial Revolution
One Point:	13. Herring	14. Migratory	15. Silver Darlings	16. 61%

Task

Copy and Complete:

To summarise, _____ was the most significant link between Scotland and the Caribbean.
This is because _____.

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